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House Approves Bill to Temporarily Ban Senior Exec Bonuses at VA // Eric Katz

Legislation would end performance awards through 2018 for top employees and save an estimated \$18 million.

Republican Debt-Ceiling Strategy Emerges // Billy House

House GOP could resurrect a plan to force the Senate to vote on a number of separate items, without making passage of them a requirement for raising the nation's borrowing limit.

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Troops Cheating Wave Spreads to

Navy's Nuclear Fleet // Stephanie Gaskell

An undisclosed number of sailors responsible the Navy's nuclear reactor training have been suspended for allegedly cheating on exams. By Stephanie Gaskell

Army Guard Recruiting Fraud Tied to Weak Oversight // Charles S. Clark

Sen. McCaskill says at hearing she wants "criminal" officers denied pensions.

Not a Belieber: Senator Offers to Sign Digital Petition to Deport Pop Star // Ross Gianfortune

Warner tells Virginia radio show that he'll join the We the People effort once he finds it online.

Senate Democrats Warn Republicans Against Debt-Ceiling Wish List // Michael Catalini

Republicans, however, have not committed to making demands in exchange for increasing the \$17 trillion debt limit.

Does Your Staff Respect You -- Or Fear You? // Alesia Latson

How to stop scaring your employees and foster a collaborative workplace.

Federal Employee Violates Hatch Act With Political Tweets // Joseph Marks

The government has opted not to prosecute the tweeter who resigned last month.

West Va. Senator: My Residents Are Losing Faith in Government // Jack Fitzpatrick

Sen. Jay Rockefeller said the political fallout from the Elk River chemical spill is perpetuating the state's sense of fatalism.

More Agencies Offer Buyouts and Early Retirement // Eric Katz

Employees at EPA and BBG can apply to receive up to \$25,000 to leave service.

Was the Creation of the 401(k) a Mistake? // Tim Fernholz

More than half of American retirees haven't saved enough to continue their normal lifestyle when they're done working, even when with Social Security's public pension payments.

The Seventh Circle of Conference Call Hell // Scott Eblin

No one likes them, but they are a fact of professional life.

Obamacare Enrollment Target Drops to 6 Million // Sam Baker

CBO predicts 1 million fewer sign-ups because of technical problems with the enrollment process.

Next Wrinkle in IRS Flap: Does the IG Secretly Powwow with Republicans? // Charles S. Clark

Democrats on House panel complain about watchdog's private meetings with chairman.

The Mommy-Track Myth // Olga Khazan

Workers with kids are just as productive as those without, according to a new study.

Play of the Day: Chris Christie's Guide to Navigating Scandals // Reena Flores

The New Jersey governor still says he knew nothing about the traffic closings.

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